

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Canceled)

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended)

~~The rainwater surface drain according to claim 1,~~ A surface drain, comprising a reservoir for water to be drained, the reservoir being connected at a center discharge outlet on the bottom side thereof with a drain outlet pipe and being covered with an upper strainer or grating member downstream of which insert means are arranged within the reservoir for breaking up of air entrapped with the water and for preventing formation of an eddy,

wherein said eddy preventing insert means comprise an inner flat grate member which is disposed at a short distance upstream of said center discharge outlet of the reservoir,

wherein said reservoir is substantially funnel-shaped towards the interconnecting end of the drain outlet pipe and is provided with a peripheral inner groove for seating the inner flat grate member in a position substantially in parallel and downstream of said upper strainer or grating member whereby a reservoir is formed by the space between the upper strainer or grating member and the inner flat grate member for temporarily collecting the inflow of water before its passage to the drain outlet pipe,

wherein said inner flat grate member comprises radially extending circumferentially spaced supporting arms in engagement with the peripheral inner groove of the reservoir, and

wherein said inner flat grate member comprises a disk-shaped center portion which is surrounded by a plurality of encircling coaxial grating slots inside of an outer closed annulus over which the radially extending supporting arms project for engagement with the peripheral inner groove of the reservoir.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended)

The ~~rainwater~~ surface drain according to claim 3, wherein at least one grating slot is provided in the space between any two adjacent, circumferentially spaced supporting arms.

Claim 5 (Canceled)

Claim 6 (Currently Amended)

~~The rainwater surface drain according to claim 5;~~ A surface drain, comprising a reservoir for water to be drained, the reservoir being connected at a center discharge outlet on the bottom side thereof with a drain outlet pipe and being covered with an upper strainer or grating member downstream of which insert means are arranged within the reservoir for breaking up of air entrapped with the water and for preventing formation of an eddy,

wherein said eddy preventing insert means comprise an inner flat grate member which is disposed at a short distance upstream of said center discharge outlet of the reservoir,

wherein said reservoir is substantially funnel-shaped towards the interconnecting end of the drain outlet pipe and is provided with a peripheral inner groove for seating the inner flat grate member in a position substantially in parallel and downstream of said upper strainer or grating member whereby a reservoir is formed by the space between the upper strainer or grating member and the inner flat grate member for temporarily collecting the inflow of water before its passage to the drain outlet pipe,

wherein said upper strainer or grating member is formed as a further flat grate member substantially of the same design as said inner flat grate member and in engagement with an annular shoulder surrounding an upper margin of the reservoir, and

wherein said inner and said further flat grate members are both provided with an equal number of grating slots in each quadrant of the respective surface area of each flat grate member, and the grating slots of the further flat grate member are surrounded by a large number of circumferentially spaced webs that radially extend towards an outer closed annulus which is in a seating engagement with an annular shoulder at the margin of the reservoir whereby a plurality of further radially extending grating slots are provided between the radially extending webs.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended)

~~The rainwater surface drain according to claim 1;~~ A surface drain, comprising a reservoir for water to be drained, the reservoir being connected at a center discharge outlet on the bottom side thereof with a drain outlet pipe and being covered with an upper strainer or grating member downstream of which insert means are arranged within the reservoir for breaking up of air entrapped with the water and for preventing formation of an eddy, wherein said eddy preventing insert means comprise an inner flat grate member which is disposed at a short distance upstream of said center discharge outlet of the reservoir,

said reservoir is substantially funnel-shaped towards the interconnecting end of the drain outlet pipe and is provided with a peripheral inner groove for seating the inner flat grate member in a position substantially in parallel and downstream of said upper strainer or grating member whereby a reservoir is formed by the space between the upper strainer or grating member and the inner flat grate member for temporarily collecting the inflow of water before its passage to the drain outlet pipe, and

wherein said upper strainer or grating member is surrounded by a loose flange that is secured to the reservoir such as to establish a peripheral inflow groove in cooperation with an edge portion of the upper strainer or grating member which comprises downwardly projecting centering lugs in seating engagement with an annular shoulder of the reservoir.